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For: GALLIUM NITRIDE COMPOUND  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: